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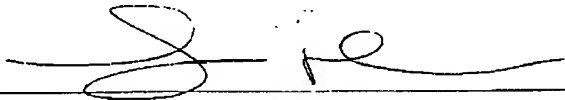
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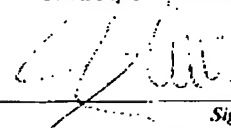
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Applicant(s): <b>Rafi RABIPOUR et al.</b>			
Application No. <b>10/721,909</b>	Filing Date <b>November 26, 2003</b>	Examiner <b>Gerald GAUTHIER</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2614</b>
Invention: <b>ADAPTER FOR USE WITH A TANDEM-FREE CONFERENCE BRIDGE</b>			
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Application No. 10/721,909	Filing Date November 26, 2003	Examiner Gerald GAUTHIER	Customer No. 28291	Group Art Unit 2614	Confirmation No. 6274
Title: ADAPTER FOR USE WITH A TANDEM-FREE CONFERENCE BRIDGE					
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Entitled: ADAPTER FOR USE WITH A TANDEM-FREE CONFERENCE  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam :

In response to the Office Action dated **March 17, 2008**, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-29 and 31-56) for prosecution in the subject application, with traverse.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that "the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because receiving a packet and release [sic] the packet does not need and [sic] conference bridge." It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's reasoning does not apply to non-elected claim 30, which recites language that mirrors that of elected claim 1; moreover, both claims specifically include the terms "receiving" and "releasing". It is also respectfully submitted that the Examiner's reasoning does not apply to non-elected claim 57, which recites language that mirrors that of elected claim 31, and both claims specifically include the terms "receiving" and "releasing". Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that a search of

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at least claims 1-57 would not be an undue burden and it is respectfully requested that at least claims 1-57 be searched and examined.

In accordance with this election with traverse, applicants reserve all rights in the non-elected claims, including the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter thereof.

Respectfully submitted,  
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